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ALLIN NAMES PRIEST AS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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NEW YORK (DPS, Jan. 6) -- The Rev. Clifford S. Waller, a Texas-based priest with extensive cross-cultural ministry experience, has been named to coordinate the Volunteers for Mission program at the Episcopal Church Center.

Waller's appointment was announced in early January by Presiding Bishop John M. Allin. The post, called Associate, Volunteers for Mission, is part of the World Mission in Church and Society section of the Church Center Staff.

The Volunteers program was created by the General Convention to complement the overseas missionary work of the Church by providing a vehicle for matching specific missionary tasks to the gifts of Church people who might not otherwise consider missionary appointment. Volunteers serve for a limited period of time -- usually under a year -- and are responsible for the bulk of their on-site expenses.

The Church Center screens prospective volunteers, matches them with suitable projects, and provides training and supportive expenses. Originally focussed on work in overseas dioceses of the Episcopal Church and in sister

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Anglican provinces, the program has been expanded so that it now includes a number of persons serving domestic volunteer projects and a few cases in which overseas volunteers have served in the United States.

The program has enabled teachers, doctors, engineers, bankers, seminarians, medical workers, accountants and many others to use their talents to help others. Further, the on-site expenses are usually provided by the volunteer's own parish, or diocese; a route that maintains a lively, local interest in the mission of the Church in other parts of the country and world.

A native of El Paso, Waller is a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio and the Episcopal Divinity School. He was ordained priest in 1961.

He began his ministry as an institutional chaplain in the diocese of West Texas during which he developed volunteer programs to local mental health facilities and prisons. From 1967 until 1980 he was director of the Inter-cultural Mission for the diocese which involved ministry with Hispanic, black and white congregations and social programs.

In early 1981, he became priest-in-charge of a new congregation, The Church of the Holy Spirit, and missionary to colleges in San Antonio. He has served on numerous parish, diocesan and community boards.

He has been married since 1956 to Mary Elizabeth Semmes and they have two children.

In his new post, Waller will work with the Rev. Patrick Mauney, coordinator for overseas ministries, and with the Rev. Page E.S. Bigelow, who remains as assistant, Volunteers for Mission.

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SCHUEDDIG TO HEAD
RADIO-TV FOUNDATION

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NEW YORK (DPS, Jan. 6) -- The Rev. Louis C. Schueddig of Grand Rapids, Mich. has been elected president of the Episcopal Radio-Television Foundation succeeding Dr. Theodore Baehr who resigned last year. According to a Dec. 23 announcement by Bishop Harold B. Robinson, chairman of the Foundation board, Schueddig was elected unanimously by the trustees and will assume his duties Feb. 15.

"The trustees and I are confident the Holy Spirit guided us in our search and believe that the Foundation will enjoy good years under his (Schueddig's) able leadership", commented Robinson. "He is a young man of many gifts, bolstered by zeal and enthusiasm."

Since 1976, Schueddig has been rector of St. Michael's Church here, a post he assumed after three years on the staff of St. Augustine's Church in Wilmette, Ill. Before receiving a master's degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1973, he worked in public relations and promotion for WGN-TV, Chicago and KNOX-CBS Radio in St. Louis. He received a degree in radio-tv-film from Northwestern University in 1970.

In the diocese of Western Michigan, Schueddig is a member of the executive Council and chairman of the department of evangelism and renewal. He is a member of the Virginia seminary board of trustees.

Founded in 1945 by Caroline Rakestraw, the Foundation has been providing material to meet telecommunication and audio-visual needs of the Episcopal Church ever since. Its' best known production is the award winning *The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe*, a two-hour animated presentation of a C.S. Lewis story from his *Chronicles of Narnia*. The production was broadcast by CBS-TV in 1979 and again in 1980 and is now widely circulated as a film or video production.

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MONKS' CORNER

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(Monks' Corner is an occasional spiritual column prepared for diocesan publication by members of the Order of the Holy Cross.)

RETREAT -- THE REDISCOVERY OF LOVE

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Since the early beginnings of human consciousness, men and women who have sought to understand their relationship with God have responded by withdrawing to some isolated place and there to pray and wait on the revelation of the divine Word. Adam was placed in a garden where he walked with the voice of God. Moses left a royal throne to be alone with God on Sinai. The prophets Isaiah, Elijah, Jeremiah, John the Baptist and others sought solitude during their ministries to purify and deepen their commitments to the Father's will. Jesus found it necessary to leave not only the crowds but even his closest circle of friends to go into the mountains to pray. This tradition has been imitated by the desert fathers, monks, nuns and other Christians who must respond to God's persistent urging to come away to him, to be alone. By retreating in such a way, all of these people attempt to answer the essential need to recover the contemplative side of their nature.

As our world becomes increasingly more complex and extended, many people -- not only Christians -- are rediscovering this essential need. Eternals are not providing solutions to basic human problems, and we are realizing that our programs, technology and our addiction to "progress" are consuming us spiritually. The result is eventual anxiety, frustration and burnout. People have lost the ability and the desire to be alone to the point that the idea of solitude terrifies many. For many, however, there is the emerging awareness that time alone in retreat with God is not a special grace bestowed on select holy people, but rather a gift which is freely extended to the whole church.

Evidence of this move to rediscover our foundation in the love of Christ can be seen in the many books on prayer and meditation, a renewed interest in the Fathers of the Church as well as an increase in the number of seminars, schools of prayer and retreats made at monasteries and convents. The greatest

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witness, however, is the change which has occurred in the lives of those individuals and families who have incorporated regular retreats into their life patterns. They have come to see themselves as theological people who have a new sense of the value of life.

Our lives, if they are to be integral, must be centered in our contemplative seed. We are called to put aside those things which constantly occupy and distract us, to create a space -- the desert -- in the stillness of our hearts, where the love of the Father has room to speak to a willing audience. Our choice to allow this to happen to us is the beginning of our conversion from narrow tunnel vision people to open people of the Gospel whose visionary boundaries have been expanded. From this spot grow the activities which engage us daily. It is true that the quality of a plant relies on the health of the seed, and the recognition of our need to contemplate the love of God directly effects the quality of the work we do. Without this grounding in solitude and silence we cannot fully understand community nor our relationship to ourselves. The ancient prophets and fathers came to know this truth and saw it as nothing less than the Kingdom of God. It is available to all of us. We have but to seek it.

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UGANDAN BISHOP
LIMNS MISSION NEEDS

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NEW YORK (DPS, Jan. 6) -- Through oppressive regimes, revolution, foreign occupation, provincial division, famine and wholesale movement of people, the Church in Uganda remains a yeasty mixture; bubbling with life, pungent with ferment.

By some standards, it had failed to meet western Church expectations that were laid on it after the overthrow of the Amin government. It was hoped that the Church would become a major force in rebuilding not only the moral, but the economic fibre of the country. However, the problems of Uganda are too great and too deep for one institution and, realizing that, the Church has tended to concentrate, in recent years, on its primary Christian mission.

In pursuit of that, the bishop of the five-year-old diocese of West Ankole, the Rt. Rev. Yoramu Bamunoba has applied to the Episcopal Church for a Volunteer for Mission to assist with specific rebuilding projects. In an article sent to officers of the Church's Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, the bishop described the diocese, the project and his vision for the Church.

He reported that the diocese covers an area approximately 120 miles by 95 in which there are about 300,000 Anglicans in 58 parishes. Each parish is divided into about 12 congregations and is served by one pastor who is assisted by paid lay readers and catechists.

"As the diocese lies in a rural area," he continued, "and caters to people experiencing conditions of under-development, the primary object of the diocese is to lay emphasis on Christian rural service and education for rural development.

"The land is fertile and rises to 5,000 feet above sea level. There are rolling hills and plains with some patches covered with forest. It is viable for growing coffee, tea, and all tropical crops and fruits, if it is improved. West Ankole can produce all foods required for home consumption and export to support the needy and hungry surrounding countries which experience regular famine.

"Life in Uganda has been very difficult over the past 10 years. The effects of Idi Amin's brutal dictatorship were a real obstacle to West Ankole's development.

"After the war of liberation in 1979, the diocese initiated education for rural development with emphasis on projects that encourage development

of skills and jobs, developing rural resources and utilizing natural resources. The diocese has opened 12 elementary and secondary schools and initiated a community health program serving the entire community of rural villages. The various projects established by the diocese to encourage its objectives include those in farming, carpentry, smithing, brick work and formal education. All these require skilled personnel for teaching.

"Although we need people with the requisite expertise to assist us in this struggle, housing for such people in the rural areas is a problem. Our crying need at this time is, therefore, housing for personnel. We urgently need to build shelters at our installation before we can attract people with the needed expertise. We, therefore, appeal for a building consultant who can advise us on building simple, adequate, but inexpensive housing suitable for foreign staff who would live in rural Uganda.

"In addition to this appeal, the diocese requires teachers to teach in our three well-established secondary schools; one each for girls and boys up to college level and one co-educational to high school. These schools, which are partially supported by our government, already have some good housing," the bishop concluded.

A spokesman for the Volunteer program said that Bamunoba had submitted a formal request and a search was under way for the needed building consultant.

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MERGER BOLSTERS
L.I. HEALTH MINISTRY

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GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (DPS, Jan. 6) -- An unusual merger between Episcopal and Jewish-run hospitals is expected to preserve jobs and enhance health care in New York's Borough of Brooklyn.

The merger creates an Interfaith Medical Center that will run the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital and St. John's Episcopal Hospital; two institutions with long histories of service to the diverse and colorful community. Final papers for the merger were signed in mid-December by the Episcopal Bishop of Long Island, the Rt. Rev. Robert C. Witcher, and the president of the board of trustees of Brooklyn Jewish, Jay Krieger.


The diocese "is committed to continuing its many years of health care to the people of Brooklyn," Witcher stated at a press conference announcing the plan.

Under the plan, the hospitals will continue their separate plants and retain their well-known names. Some non-medical support services will be unified and the move is expected to make the hospitals even more attractive to potential interns, residents and attending medical staff.

The merger also means the retention of 3,000 jobs -- in an area of severe unemployment -- and the alleviation of the financial stress that St. John's was under as well as eliminating the need for Brooklyn Jewish to enter bankruptcy proceedings. A new reimbursement system adopted by New York State made the move possible.

Witcher serves as president of the Church Charity Foundation, the health care arm of the diocese which operates three major hospitals, many out-patient clinics, and two health-care facilities for the elderly, one of which is directly affiliated with the Brooklyn institution.

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NAVAJOLAND BISHOP
HONORED AT RETIREMENT

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FARMINGTON, N.M. (DPS, Jan. 6) -- Bishop Frederick W. Putnam was honored at a farewell eucharist and banquet shortly before he retired as the first resident bishop of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland.

Putnam took on the post in 1979 after the area mission had been authorized by the 1976 meeting of the General Convention. During an organizing phase, Bishop Otis Charles of Utah had held jurisdiction at the request of Presiding Bishop John M. Allin. Putnam had been suffragan bishop of Oklahoma since 1963.

During his tenure here, he built up a clergy team of seven -- from the two who were ministering at the start -- and has seen the unique area mission grow into a smoothly-working cooperative venture welding the Navajo people of three former dioceses into a cohesive unit.

Plans for Putnam's successor are unclear at this point. Allin could appoint an interim bishop to serve on a part-time basis until a permanent bishop is elected by the House of Bishops which will meet in October.

On Dec. 11, Allin and Putnam were joined by the area mission clergy and by Bishop Richard Trelease of Rio Grande in the eucharist and banquet that hailed Putnam and his wife, Helen, for their work.

Although technically retiring at age 65, Putnam will move on to yet another ministry when he takes up a four-month term as assisting bishop in North Carolina.

A native of Minnesota and a graduate of the University of Minnesota and the Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Putnam served parishes in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Kansas before being elected to the episcopate.

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PENSIEVES

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by The Ven. Erwin M. Soukup

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Note: The following items are for use by diocesan editors as fillers or commentary on the Church scene. They may be used in part or in total. All that is asked is that a tag line be used: Pensieves, Chicago.

A parish newsletter in the Diocese of Chicago ran this notice recently: "News of the General Convention going on presently in New Orleans is posted on the bulletin board for anyone who is interested in the National Church!"

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The Reader's Digest has now completed publication of the condensed Bible. We haven't dared investigate how it condensed John 11:35.

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Overheard: "Dear Santa, Please cancel 'true loves' order. Just send the five golden rings."

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David Sumner, communications officer of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, passes this along, From a parish bulletin -- "Christ has given us support for our life and work together, when he said,..."low, (sic) I am with you alway'."

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Seen in the *New York Times*: "Relationships" First year at college can stain family tie." Freshmen should avoid gravy?

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Finally, from a Presbyterian church bulletin in Tampa, Florida: "The message for the day was 'Freedom from Fertility' with the Rev. Lavern Franzen as speaker followed by hymn 211, 'O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go.' "The Rev. Mr. Franzen avers that should have been "Futility."

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COORDINATING PANEL
NAMED BY ALLIN

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NEW YORK (DPS, Jan. 6) -- Presiding Bishop John M. Allin has invited a number of Executive Council members and other clergy and lay people to serve as an advisory group to coordinate the Next Step in Mission and Jubilee Ministry programs.

Both programs won enthusiastic support from the General Convention last September and they are viewed together as the channel through which the Episcopal Church hopes to address mission development and social needs through the decade.

At its first meeting after the Convention, the Council devoted a good deal of time and energy to reviewing the planning and execution of the programs and seeing that they become fully integrated and complementary. The Council asked Allin to create a mechanism to oversee this process and the result is the 12-member advisory group that is expected to work closely with Church Center staff officers and the General Convention and other Church agencies that initiated the work.

Those invited to join the group are: Bishop Furman C. Stough of Alabama, Canon Kermit Lloyd of Central Pennsylvania, Marjorie L. Christie of Newark, Harry Griffith of Central Florida, and John Cannon of Michigan, representing the Executive Council.

Also: Bishop A. Heath Light of Southwestern Virginia, Bishop William C. Wantland of Eau Claire, Bishop John H. Burt of Ohio, Archdeacon Lorentho Wooden of Southern Ohio, Canon Timothy Nakayama of Olympia, the Rev. E. Don Taylor of Atlanta and Manuel Mesa of Southeast Florida.

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CHURCH NEWS BRIEFS

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NEW YORK (DPS, Jan 6) -- The Standing Commission on Church Music is inviting congregations throughout the Episcopal Church to participate in a test program of hymn and service music that is being considered for inclusion in the *Hymnal 1982*. Participating congregations will be expected to commit themselves to both preparation for, and use of, the test materials in a specific area of their own choosing. Within that area, they will receive five items and be asked to test three of them under Commission guidelines. The Commission is hoping for a broad range of participating congregations and asks that a parish contact write to the general editor, Raymond Glover, at the Church Hymnal Corporation, 800 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

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NEW YORK (DPS, Jan. 6) -- The Episcopal Church appears to be making much greater use of the gifts of lay professional ministers, according to the Church Deployment Office. A recent edition of the Office's monthly "Positions Open" bulletin showed 16 vacancies in areas ranging from refugee sponsorship through headmaster. Lay professionals are encouraged to register with the Office at 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

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WASHINGTON (DPS, Jan. 6) -- The National Episcopal Coalition on Alcohol will honor counseling pioneer Dr. Vernon Johnson at its first annual "gathering" May 4-6 at Calvary Church, Memphis, Tenn. In announcing the event, Coalition president J. Russell Horton said the purpose was to strengthen the Church's network on prevention, education and treatment among congregations and dioceses. Johnson, author of *I'll Quit Tomorrow* and founder of the Johnson Institute of Minneapolis, will receive the first Sam Shoemaker award which the coalition has created to honor the working of the Boston priest who was one of the first to undertake a ministry in this field.

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KEY WEST, Fla. (DPS, Jan 6) -- St. Paul's Episcopal Church began its life here shortly after a Navy gunboat had chased the last pirates from the Keys and will celebrate its 150th anniversary Jan. 30 with Presiding Bishop

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John M. Allin as the chief celebrant and preacher. Allin will step into a parish whose history has been the history of this southernmost continental U.S. city since Christmas, 1832, when the first services were held here. The parish pre-dates the diocese by 20 years and has survived one fire, three destructive hurricanes and a "low vs. high" dispute. Recent designation as an historical landmark has enabled the parishioners to undertake some restoration and preservation work, including preservation of some unique, early 20th-century stained glass windows.

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. (DPS, Jan. 6) -- The Center for Theological Studies here -- including Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Bexley Hall and Crozer Theological Seminary -- has announced two spring lecture series. The first, entitled "The Church in Global Context" will bring guest lecturers from four continents to help North American-trained Church people understand and respond to the ways in which the faith has grown and been shaped throughout the world. The second series, centered on the alumni convocation, is entitled "A New Heaven and A New Earth... Hope for the 21st Century". The theme will be explored through a series of three lectures and continuing education offerings during the week of May 16-20. Speakers will include Dr. Langdon Gilkey of the University of Chicago, Dr. Virginia Mollenkott of William Paterson College and Dr. Rueben Sheares of the United Church of Christ.

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